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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I favor the settling of the Microsoft antitrust case. I firmly believe that this litigation is not in anyone's best interest and would have not been brought except for the actions of the company's principle competitors, Sun Microsystems and Oracle Corp.

Who has been harmed? Not the users of personal computers. My life, for example, has been made much easier because of Microsoft's products. As to the charges that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive behavior, government should expect ferocious fights among major enemies, stand aside and let the best win. Sadly, when the competition couldn't win in the marketplace, they took to the political arena. And a search will reveal that Mr. Scott McNealy and Mr. Larry Ellison are no strangers to practices that they condemn in others. The pot calling the kettle black, if you will.

Both of the above men would better serve their respective companies and the American public at large, were they to devote their full time and energy into improving their products rather than lying awake dreaming up new diatribes against their more successful competitor, Microsoft.

In closing, please note that I am not a shareholder in any of the above firms.

I ask, please conclude this needless prosecution.

Sincerely,

(signed)

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